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**FORMER MIDLAND COLLEGE THEATRE PROFESSOR PLEADS TO CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that David Roger Allen, 55, of Midland, pleaded guilty this morning in federal court to receiving child pornography over the Internet during a 3-month period from December 2006 through February 2007.

The former theatre professor at Midland College faces a mandatory minimum prison sentence of five years, up to a maximum of twenty years, when he is sentenced in approximately 90 days.

In his plea before United States Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt, Allen admitted that beginning in late 2006, he exchanged images of child pornography using the Google screen name "mrhyde6988" with an individual in Michigan. Federal agents seized the Michigan man's computers in a search warrant in March 2007, and a subsequent investigation into his Internet trading partners led to the identification of Allen.

Allen also admitted as part of his plea that more than 3000 images of child pornography were recovered from his computer which was seized during a search warrant in Midland on May 15, 2008, and acknowledged that some of those images depict children in sado-masochistic and bestiality scenarios.

The case was investigated by agents with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). Assistant United States Attorney Kerry Fleck prosecuted the case on behalf of the Government.